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U.S. EPA, Portland, Oregon

Dear concerned EPA officials,

Please consider the following comments and questions in making your Portland Harbor Superfund Site's Feasibility Plan decisions. Please provide for the utmost (maximum) clean up, mitigation, and remediation for the all of the currently identified toxicity on the Willamette River corridor flowing into the Columbia River. Include provisions for addressing toxicity revealed with further and ongoing monitoring and testing, monitoring you have promised to do in several alternatives. Monitoring is extremely important and should be carried out with due diligence for protecting all species from harm for all times in the future, and soon!

The Superfund sites on the River are a tragic testament to irresponsible (at best) use of resources from extraction to disposal. This case is another example of environmental injustice, and remedies should include all of the communities and people affected. This includes those people dependent upon and living adjacent to the River. It should be safe to subsist on the resources such as by consuming fish. And it should definitely be safe for the birds and other life forms that cannot read the warning signs. Conduct a food web evaluation and monitor!

Please get busy implementing the plans which maximize the extent of cleanup and level of hazard reduction! Decades of toxicity and more than 15 years since the Superfund designation are way too long. The most credible, concerned, and environmentally conservative organizations and governments recommend Alternative G (cleanupportlandhorbor.org). They have chosen to recommend a plan that gets "closer to plan our communities deserve" so thanks for having an alternative that is choose-able. Otherwise, you need to develop one that exceeds your current budget and timeline because lives and community well-being that are at stake. Sorry for the polluters, since they must pay, but that is only fair. I also concur with the recommendation to maximize the cleanup well beyond the proposed Alternative I. You also must to go well beyond the proposed plan in addressing the needs of the communities most affected by the pollution and the cleanup--by providing usable land, long term jobs, and housing in order to achieve much greater social and environmental justice. I concur and recommend that you adopt all the Portland Harbor Community Coalition specific recommendations for Land, Healthy Fish, Housing Justice, Jobs, Pollution Controls, Air Monitoring, Public Access, Transport and Disposal, Community Support, and Polluters Pay.

This should be seen as an opportunity to right decades of wrongful injustice in conjunction with the ecosystem justice.

Have you planned for a "100-year" flood event or an inevitable earthquake in your planning and modeling? You should evaluate such hazards and minimize the risks, not just for sediment transport, but for the integrity and sustainability of all the facilities, whether constructed or "natural."

This is not just about navigable waters or entrainment of toxic materials, this is an entire River biogeochemical system with all its interrelated elements, and you should treat it as such. You need to

have a coherent integrated plan. Since your models are highly flawed, you should develop better ones, including models based on empirical data collected through monitoring and engaging scientists of all kinds associated with this Plan.

Engage institutions of higher education and health, nonprofit organizations, coalitions, and citizens in the effort. Exceed your own expectations and provide a model Superfund cleanup plan that current and future generations will be proud of. The time is now.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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